



# Rare Books, Film Archives, and Plant Specimens



An Undergraduate Guide to IU Libraries and  
Collections and How to Use Them in Your Research

# Libraries and Collections in Undergraduate Research

Library materials and research collections provide an invaluable resource for undergraduates, but are often challenging to navigate.

This session will present:

- An overview of some key library resources at IU
- A guide to accessing IU's collections
- A snapshot of digital resources through IU libraries
- An opportunity to discuss ways to use these resources in your own research

# IU Libraries: By the Numbers

**9.9 million** works in **450** languages

**1.9 million** e-books

**60,000** electronic journal subscriptions

Over **20** locations on campus

Resources available for **every**  
**discipline**



Scholars Commons, Herman B Wells Library

# IU Libraries Research Services

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**Search**

**Database access**

Allows users to search thousands of books and journals

**Inter-library loan**

Provides access to books and articles from libraries outside of IU

**Research  
consultations**

Can be scheduled online through the IU libraries website

# Some Essential Library Resources



Centralized catalog of IU libraries and collections materials



JSTOR

Major database that provides access to hundreds of journals in the arts, humanities, and social sciences



# Indiana University Collections



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## Collections @ IU

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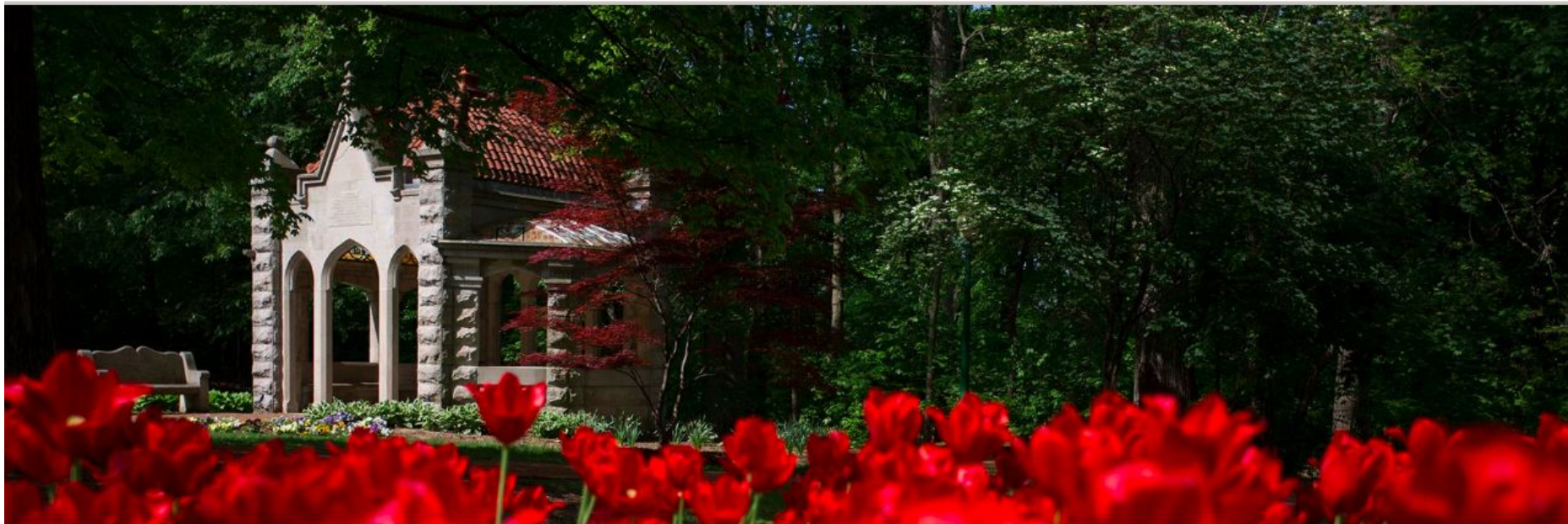
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# Using Collections to Enrich Your Research

- Primary source materials
- Often rare or unpublished items
- First-hand interaction with objects
- Likely to find a wealth of unstudied material



IU Auxiliary Library Facility (ALF)

# The IU Archives: A Place for IU History



Reading room, IU Archives

- Contains almost 200 years worth of materials that document the university's history
- Useful in research related to:
  - Local or institutional history
  - The history of higher education
  - Anyone formerly affiliated with IU



# The IU Archives in 3 Easy Steps

## Identify resources

- Finding aids available on IU Archives website
- Archivists can also help you identify materials on a particular subject

## Request materials

- Email [archives@indiana.edu](mailto:archives@indiana.edu) 2-3 days before you plan to visit
- Include in your email:
  - The preferred date / time for your visit
  - A list of materials you would like to see

## Visit the archives

- Found on the 4th floor of the Wells Library (East Tower)
- Enter the archives and let the archivist know you're there

# The Lilly Library: Rare Books and Manuscripts

- About 400,000 books and over 7.5 million manuscripts
- Some highlights:
  - Sylvia Plath collection
  - Orson Welles manuscripts
  - Puzzle collection



Reading room, Lilly Library

# Requesting Materials at the Lilly

1.

## Register online as a user at the Lilly

- Online form accessible via the Lilly Library's website

2.

## Request materials via IUCAT

- Request button will appear for Lilly materials
- Allow up to 4 business days for off-site materials to be delivered

3.

## Visit the Lilly

- Let the front desk attendant know you want to view materials in the reading room
- Have ID ready if you are a first-time user

### IU Users

IU users include current students, faculty, and staff with an active IU userID.

[Login or Register](#)

**Lilly Library:  
Request This**



# The Kinsey Institute: Studies of Human Sexuality



- Encompasses the Kinsey library and several collections:
  - Archival collections
  - Art and artifacts collections
  - Photography collection
  - Film archive
  - Video collection

Morrison Hall, Home of the Kinsey Institute

# The Kinsey Institute: Accessing the Collections



Search

IUCAT and the Kinsey Institute website to locate relevant materials

Contact

the Institute at [libknsy@indiana.edu](mailto:libknsy@indiana.edu) to schedule an appointment and request materials

Visit

the 4th Floor of Morrison Hall to access materials

Bring

valid photo ID and complete a registration form if you are a first-time user



# The Eskenazi Museum of Art: Reopening Soon!

- Under renovation until Fall 2019
- New spaces will allow students to more easily view artworks
  - New Center for Works on Paper
  - Collection contains over 5,000 prints, photographs, and drawings



Planned Renovation, Eskenazi Museum of Art

# How to View Works on Paper



Find materials	Submit a request	Visit the museum
<p>Collection inventory available in binders in the Wells Library Reading Room</p> <p>Curator can also assist in selecting relevant works: email <a href="mailto:nabrewer@indiana.edu">nabrewer@indiana.edu</a></p>	<p>Complete a request form, available online on the Eskenazi website</p> <p>Email completed form to <a href="mailto:iuam@indiana.edu">iuam@indiana.edu</a> at least 1 week in advance</p>	<p>Works will be available to view in the new Center for Works on Paper at the museum</p>

# Additional Art-Related Research Materials

- Fine Arts Library in the Eskenazi Museum: closed as of May 2017
- Now housed in the Wells Library, 9th floor
- Other sources for research:
  - ARTstor Images
  - ARTbibliographies Modern Art & Architecture Source
  - Arts and Humanities Citation Index

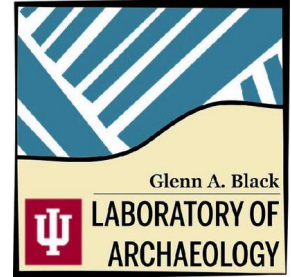
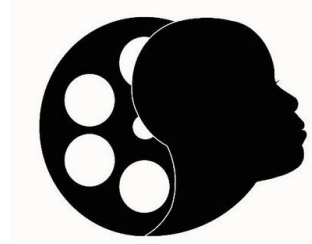


Fine Arts Collection, Wells Library

# Other Collections

Other prominent collections at IU include:

- Black Film Center/Archive
- Archives of Traditional Music
- Herbarium
- Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology
- Mathers Museum of World Cultures
- Sage Fashion Collection



A full listing of IU collections can be found on IU's new collections website:

<https://collections.iu.edu/>.

# Accessing Other Collections

First step: reference the collection's website

- Many collections provide details online about the process for requesting and accessing their materials
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If information is not available online:

1. Contact the collection manager or curator via email
2. Ask about the collection's policies for research access
3. Include as much detail as possible about your research project and the items you're interested in viewing



# Digital Collections

Archives Online  
at Indiana University



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- Digitized portions of many collections can be found online through IU's site [Archives Online](#)
- Some digital collections are housed on independent IU sites, such as the Media Collection

The IU Libraries website provides a listing of most digital collections at IU and where to find them: <https://libraries.indiana.edu/digital-collections>

# When to Use Digital Collections

Some questions to ask:

- Is a digital version available?
- Is it essential to see the original for the purposes of your research?
- Is the original version accessible for research?
- Are there other related materials that have yet to be digitized?



Image from the Indiana Limestone Photograph Collection

# Library Resources in Action



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